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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SECRETARY**

In the Matter of

The Development of Operational, Technical, and Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Federal, State and Local Public Safety Agency Communication Requirements Through the Year 2010

WT Docket No. 96-86

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To: The Commission

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE REPLY COMMENTS**

The Industrial Telecommunications Association, Inc., the American Petroleum Institute and the Association of American Railroads hereby request an extension of the reply comment date in the above-referenced proceeding to December 19, 1996.

SUMMARY

As explained in greater detail below, ITA, API and AAR request this extension of time for three reasons: (1) the comments due to be filed December 4, 1996 in GN Docket No. 96-228 may affect the direction taken in the Public Safety reply comments; (2) the comments due to be filed November 22, 1996 in MM Docket No. 87-268 may also influence the views expressed in the Public Safety reply comments; (3) the comments filed in the Public Safety proceeding are lengthy and involve issues requiring careful consideration.

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Discussion**A. GN Docket No. 96-228**

Under the current filing schedule, reply comments in the instant proceeding are due to be filed on December 3, 1996. Recently, the Commission announced that comments in GN Docket No. 96-228, the proceeding to establish the "Wireless Communications Service," would be due on December 4, 1996.

One of the principal issues to be addressed in Docket No. 96-228 is whether a portion of the spectrum proposed for the Wireless Communications Service should be used to meet the needs of public safety providers. The Wireless Communications Service proceeding also presents an issue of statutory construction, i.e., whether there is sufficient legislative authority to designate frequencies in the 2.3 GHz band for public safety communications.

Clearly, the views expressed in Docket No. 96-228 may affect the positions to be taken in the reply comments in the instant proceeding and, for this reason, additional time will be required to review the Docket No. 96-288 comments before interested parties prepare their public safety reply comments.

B. MM Docket No. 87-268

Additionally, the comments filed in the "Advanced Television Systems" proceeding, MM Docket No. 87-268, may influence the direction taken in the reply comments to be filed

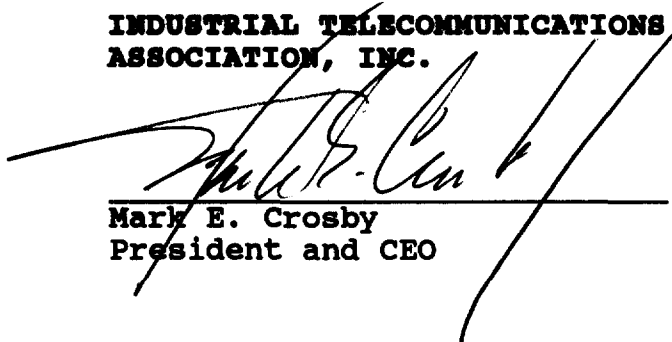
in the Public Safety proceeding. The comments on the Commission's Advanced Television Systems proposal are due to be filed on November 22, 1996 and are likely to be quite voluminous in nature.

C. Public Safety Comments Filed October 21, 1996

The comments filed in the Public Safety proceeding total approximately 550 pages and present intricate issues requiring thoughtful consideration, especially insofar as these issues relate to Dockets 92-235 (private land mobile spectrum refarming and service pool consolidation), 96-228 and 87-268. The extension of 16 days requested in the reply comment date will enhance the quality of the reply comments and provide a more complete record for the critical decisions under consideration in the Public Safety proceeding.

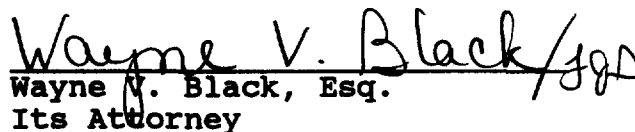
WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, the Industrial Telecommunications Association, Inc., the American Petroleum Institute and the Association of American Railroads hereby request an extension of the reply comment date in the above-referenced proceeding, WT Docket No. 96-86, to December 19, 1996.

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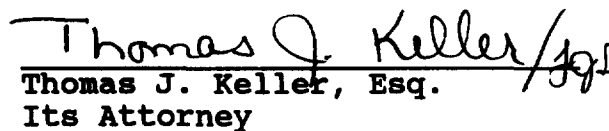
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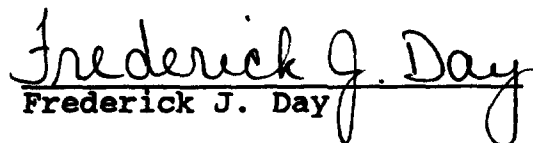
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